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Letter dated 5 June 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to submit to you the statement of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Collective Security Treaty Organization — the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tajikistan on the inadmissible use of economic pressure or coercion in international relations (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex were issued as a document of the General Assembly, under the agenda items 17 (a) and 83, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 5 June 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization

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The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan, acting in the spirit of the joint approach agreed upon within the Collective Security Treaty Organization and in view of the economic sanctions imposed on the Republic of Belarus by member States of the European Union, reaffirm the inadmissibility of using economic measures to exert pressure or coercion in inter-State relations.

Such measures infringe upon States' legitimate economic security interests, which could damage mutual cooperation and the development of integration processes on the Eurasian continent. Such measures also undermine mutual confidence among partners, which could ultimately have a negative influence on stability and security in the region.

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan are firmly convinced that only an equitable dialogue can contribute to the settlement of international differences and they call for the rejection of any actions that are inconsistent with the spirit and principles of good neighbourliness and mutual respect.